



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

January 7, 2019

Mr. Brett Barrouquere
MuckRock News
DEPT MR 66397
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Somerville, MA 02144

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Barrouquere:

On or about December 27, 2018, the Office of the Governor ("Office") received your facsimile requesting certain records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10 *et seq.* According to your FOIA request, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, you are seeking as follows:

I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records between of Anthony Richard 'Tony' Perkins and the Family Research Council and the South Carolina Governor's Office between January 14, 2013 and the present.

Please include any notes, memos, reports, emails, expense reports, meeting minutes and phone records as well as any resume or CV he submitted to the office.

We have tried to contact you by telephone on several different occasions in hopes that we could discuss your FOIA request and clarify several issues related to the same; however, we have not been able to reach you to date. Therefore, please allow this letter to serve as the Office's timely determination of your recent FOIA request.

As a threshold matter, given the temporal scope of your request, please note that this Office does not process FOIA requests seeking records from separate state agencies or entities and does not serve as the custodian of records from prior gubernatorial administrations. Although this Office cannot offer you legal advice, we are permitted to provide you with general information in response to your inquiry, which we hope you will find helpful. To this end, please be advised that

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the South Carolina Department of Archives and History ("Department") may have information or records related to your inquiry. For your convenience, the Department's contact information is set forth below:

South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223
803-896-6196
www.scdah.sc.gov

Subject to the foregoing, the present letter will confirm that this Office has concluded its initial search efforts and has not located any records responsive to your FOIA request, as reasonably interpreted, in the possession, custody, or control of this Office.

Due to the high volume of FOIA requests received by this Office and the significant costs associated therewith, we are authorized to charge a reasonable fee for searching for or copying records pursuant to section 30-4-30(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Nevertheless, because this Office has not located records responsive to your request, we are not charging any such fee in this instance.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding anything mentioned above or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr.
Legal Counsel

Enclosure

Office of the Governor - South Carolina
South Carolina Public Records Law Office
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

December 21, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the South Carolina Public Records Law, I hereby request the following records:

I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records between of Anthony Richard "Tony" Perkins and the Family Research Council and the South Carolina Governor's Office between January 14, 2013 and the present.

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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 15 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Brett Barrouquere 334-956-8234

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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PLEASE NOTE: This request is not filed by a MuckRock staff member, but is being sent through MuckRock by the above in order to better track, share, and manage public records requests. Also note that improperly addressed (i.e., with the requester's name rather than "MuckRock News" and the department number) requests might be returned as undeliverable.